feasible for sewage to be used after a certain degree of treatment for growing fish. Similarly, organic content of city garbage can be converted into compost to be used for growing crops and vegetables.

(b) The Government of India has constituted a National Waste Management Council under the Ministry of Environment and Forests to promote waste management in all its aspects by collecting, and disseminating information on urban municipal, industrial and rural waste management.

New farm insurance scheme

620. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Standing Advisory Committee has proposed a new farm insurance scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when Government propose to implement the scheme for the welfare of the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Implementation of land ceiling laws

621. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to strictly implement the land ceiling laws and distribute surplus land to the landless and marginal farmers; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take for strict implementation of land-ceiling laws as a time-bound programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prime Minister has recently addressed a letter to the Chief Ministers of the State Governments and UTs regarding the need for on the-spot verification of the land occupation and land records with the assistance of organisations of rural poor, agricultural workers and Gram Sabhas for unearthing benami transactions in land so that these lands could be secured for allotment to the rural landless poor.

States have also been requested to ensure that wherever land has been alloted to the landless poor, these lands should be put into the physical possession of the allottees and any hindrance to the occupation of such land by the allottees is removed. Assistance for development of these lands should also be provided to the allottees under various schemes including IRDP, JRY and other programmes of the State Governments.

The Prime Minister has also suggested that land Tribunals consisting of revenue official and non-official representatives drawn from SCs, STs and other landless poor may be set up to deal with the matters relating to land and its distribution to the poor.

Production cost of paddy

622. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:
SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of production of paddy in the main paddy growing State during the year 1989-90;

(b) whether the marketing expenditure has been included in the proforma of cost of production; and

(c) the support price of paddy declared by Government in 1989-90 and 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Estimates of cost of production of paddy in the main paddy growing States during the year 1989-90 have not been generated. The latest available cost estimates for paddy in some of the paddy growing States are given in Annexure.

(b) Marketing expenditure for transportation of inputs used for raising the crop are included in the cost of production.

(c) The procurement / minimum support price of paddy declared by the Government for 1989-90 and 1990-91 crops are as under:

(Rs. per Quintal)

Crop Year	Variety	Support price
1989-90	Common	185
	fine	195
	Superfine	205
1990-91	Common	205
Fine	fine	215
	Superfine	225

Statement

The latest available cost estimates of Paddy in the main paddy growing States

State	year	Cost of Cultivation (Rs / ha.)		Cost of Production (Rs. / Qtl.)	
		Cash & kind Expenses (Cost A_2)	Total Cost (Cost C_2)	Cash & kind Expenses (Cost A_2)	Total Cost (Cost C_2)
Assam	1986-87	1123.73	2511.57	64.71	144.08
Karnataka	1986-87	2377.23	4551.22	58.26	110.25
Haryana	1987-88	3185.49	5629.62	82.78	146.01
Madhya Pradesh	1986-87	1375.25	2565.83	87.14	162.07
Orissa	1986-87	1808.32	3169.16	76.35	131.85
Punjab	1987-88	4647.82	7947.81	88.25	149.19

Calculation of cost of production of agricultural commodities

623. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the elements included in proforma while calculating the cost of production of agriculture commodities;

(b) whether Government propose to bring some changes therein; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The major elements included for the calculation of the cost of production of agriculture commodities are human labour, machine labour, animal labour, seeds, fertilisers, manures, insecticide irrigation charges, interest on working capital rental value of own land, rent paid for leased in land, land revenue, cesses and taxes, depreciation on implements and farm buildings, interest on fixed capital etc.

(b) and (c) In January 1990 the Government had set up an Expert Committee for reviewing the methodology of cost of production of crops. The Expert Committee has